


London Parley Setting Program to Further Free Trade Unions

AFL Delegation Bound for London



Washington—AFL President William Green expounds federal policies and views in conference with Frank Edwards, ex-Right liberal commentator who begins new five-night-a-week newscast sponsored by the American Federation of Labor over Mutual Broadcasting System. Mr. Edwards takes up his new duties on sustaining basis on Dec. 5 and under AFL sponsorship on Jan. 2, from 10 to 10:35 p.m. EST, on 147 stations.

AFL Transit Union

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Wants to Help Pay For Its Pensions

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Washington.—In accordance with the custom of the Thanksgiving Holiday, next Friday's issue of the news service surpluses will be omitted. The regular news service issue will be published next Tuesday, Nov. 29.

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Division 1381, which represents 1,100 employees of Chicago's CTA, says that the CTA has had a noncontributory pension plan for years. It is trying to replace with a stronger, more liberal contributory pension plan.

The union has just negotiated a new contract with the CTA providing for a wage increase of 10 percent, from \$10.50 to \$11.50 an hour. Drivers to a wage of \$15.00 an hour.

The union is also offering a 15 percent vacation after 15 years' service, a guaranteed workweek for 40 hours, and a 10 percent wage increase without a strike. But the issue of the pension plan is still a major one.

Chicago's CTA is a public utility. It is the largest employer in the city. It is the largest employer in the city. It is the largest employer in the city.

Washington.—Top officials of the oil and railroad labor groups join with the Trades Union delegation to the Walker, Maryland, President of the American Association of Labor Unions, including AFL and CIO leaders, to meet with the oil and coal labor adviser to Paul H. Thomas McKinley, executive secretary of the Senate Subcommittee on Labor.

About 8 years ago, the company agreed to pay a pension of \$30 a month to employees 65 years old or over, who have 20 years' service. Three years ago, the pension was raised to \$60. The company pays the entire cost. The workers contribute nothing out of their own wages.

Railway Clerks To Mark 60 Years With Big Dinner

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"I don't know why anybody would wish to strike for a nonunionist pension plan if a contributory plan has been offered," said the president of Division 1281. "We have had free divisions, and we would rather have a free division than help pay for it."

"For use thing, it's permanent. For use thing, it's something the permanent can take away. If there is a strike, the union will be hurt. It happens to the union. And the union has nothing to say about it. It's permanent."

"A contributory pension, jointly administered, is a good thing. It gives you a voice, and it helps him to keep track of his rights. There's a bigger one, because he has helped to pay for it."

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New York—Headed by President William Green, a delegation of radicalizing leaders of the American Federation of Labor sailed for London for the formal convocation of the Free World Labor Conference, comprising 100 free trade organizations of 50 democratic countries.

The conference, out of which will grow the pro-democratic international union of workers, is scheduled to open Nov. 28 and conclude Dec. 9. Its mere organization has already incensed the Soviet Communists, whose propaganda attacks against the AFL and CIO leaders who unitedly are participating in forging this weapon against the distribution of free trade union movements.

At a press conference aboard the U.S.S. Ile de France, President Green said his organization that the international union of free trade unionists "will stand against invasion

In agreement with him as he spoke to the press were President Green's fellow-delegates: Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, Vice President David Dubinsky, George M. Harrison, and Charles J. McGowan. Vice President Matthew Well is already in Europe having left earlier to study trade unionism in the ranks of labor.

"This organization," said President Green, "has already made its influence felt. It is a matter of deepest historic significance that such a free world federation is being set up. I will speak for 80 million workers all over the world, South America, China, India, Korea and Japan. Only the workers behind the Iron Curtain, imprisoned by the Soviet Union, will be unrepresented."

Scene of the new conference in London will be the County Hall, where in 1945 were held the sessions which

Federation of Trade Unions, an organization which the AFL condemned from the beginning because it treated as equals Soviet trade unions, and which the AFL, therefore, bluntly refused to join. Today, the WFTU, following secessions by virtually every

The present meeting in London, which will include trade union representatives which adhere to a democratic credo, was authorized by the Preparatory International Trade Union Conference at Geneva June 25 and 26.

The conference is being attended by 124 organizations, among whose aims are:

1. Achieving universal recognition of the right of workers to organize in free trade unions.
2. Provide help for workers to organize unions in economically backward

also affirm its support for the Point Four program of our government. This policy is to provide technical assistance for underdeveloped nations.

3. To support the rebuilding, economically, socially and culturally, of countries suffering the after-effects of the war. President Green also declared that the conference would affirm its support of the Marshall Plan and to fight against forced labor anywhere in the world.
4. To back an international system of collective security parallel with regional agreements essential to strengthened democratic countries and fully compatible with the charter of the United Nations.
5. To seek more economic cooperation among democratic countries.
6. To re-emphasize the role of international agencies, both economic and

Gompers-Green Service Seen Without Parallel

Washington.—A veteran British trade unionist said that the service of Samuel Gompers and William Green as presidents of the American Federation of Labor is without parallel in the world's history of the labor movement.

William E. Jones, Yorkshire area secretary of the British Mine Workers Union, told an AFL luncheon for him and other visiting trades unionists from Great Britain that not even in England, birthplace of organized labor, is there a record of

Except for one year, the late Mr. Gompers led the AFL from the time of its founding on Nov. 15, 1881 to his death in 1924.

John McBride was elected president at the 1894 Denver convention and served one year.